

Ben Tudor - Ents Exec Manifesto

Hi! I'm Ben, and I'm a second year classicist looking to be your ents exec for next year. Please give my manifesto a read:

Experience

I was one of the JCR Ents officers for 2019. As part of this role, I put together a successful string of Fitz sessions, organised bops and helped run events like Fitz Up Look Sharp. I have also been a frequent and reliable steward for events throughout the term and particularly during Freshers' week. This means I understand, practically speaking, how to run large-scale events and communicate effectively with College. Continuity is particularly important for this role because it involves an understanding of how College and the JCR work.

Ents

Bops

- Fewer but better
- Put more work into thinking of interesting themes
- Move them out of the bar
- Serve our own, cheaper drinks
- Student-run rather than milling about in front of the bar
- Work with DJs to come up with genre-bops
- More regular BME and LGBT+ Bops
- Charity bop for the charity of the term: £1 donation
- Work more on advertising, decoration and theme to make them funnier and busier
- Bops should be a decent alternative to going out
- Put one of the ents officers in charge of looking out for superbops throughout the year

Non-Drinking Events

- These should not suck
- College Mariokart competition in Lent
- College Bake-Off
- Bowling
- Organised theatre trips
- Film nights at quiet times of the year
- Continue the Quizzes every two weeks
- Worth with Academic Affairs Exec to put on TED-style talks
- Spend more money on these: get pizza delivered every time: it is unfair that drinking events currently get so much of the budget

The JCR

- Work with Andrew to get it refurbished: lots of ents happen there
- Get a new Table Football: we have the money for this already
- Get a pinboard in the JCR so that we can advertise things there
- Get things to put in it: board games, card games, even books. It feels too empty
- Make showing big sports/TV events official: have a facebook event and let everyone know it's happening
- Make it clear that anyone can use the projector: make a sign telling people how to
- It doesn't actually smell that bad

Refreshers Week

- Work out the right time to run this so that everyone can come along
- Make it a more relaxed version of Freshers: advertise bar crawl and Fitz Up heavily as the main events
- But put more focus on Fitz Sessions and bar events so that people with work don't feel left out

Freshers Week

- Maintain the higher number of events we put on this year but focus on balancing drinking with non-drinking

- See whether we can make Freshers Week a bit longer - talk to Andrew about extending residency period a bit
- Establish a Freshers Committee to increase the scale of the events: just the JCR isn't enough
- This would allow us to run more successful versions of the Garden Party, other settling-in events and the corridor dinners
- Try again to get more of the best club tickets

Fitz Up Look Sharp

- Continue successful policy of having a vote on the Theme
- Look out for more acts and DJs to feature throughout the night
- Keep pressing College to let up open later
- More decorations and lights- especially at the top of the hall to make it more atmospheric
- Balance the alcohol order so we don't start running out of the popular stuff
- Look into getting stewards paid/non-JCR members to steward: this is a big, labour-intensive event made more difficult by these constraints

Fitz Sessions

- Two a term - one in Reddaway Room and one in the Bar
- Talk to Cambridge bands to put on shows which aren't just open-mic style
- Look into getting someone to come in and play flamenco guitar in the cafe once a term
- Run more regular karaoke - we don't have to wait for the MCR to do it!

Billy Day

- Get more money to turn it into a proper event: spend it on food and drink
- Work with Cat Groom to get more people performing
- Have a bop afterwards with dance music

- Don't start it so early
- Fix the weather/ Contingency Plan

Wildcard

- Buy a big chalkboard for outside the bar, get someone to draw a nice advert for events
- More feedback: make it easier for people to tell us if they want to put something on using a Google form
- Unofficial Fitz Drink (Fitz Spritz) ½ Red Wine ½ Coke (serve at room temperature) (trust me)